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DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the bad condition of roads and increasing traffic thereon are creating hindrances in the development of Indian Economy;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether two percent of the total National Highways bear 40% of the traffic pressure ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ;

(e) whether the funds available for development of road infrastructure is inadequate; and

(f) if so, the steps taken/being taken to make funds available for the purpose ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) and (b) This Ministry is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs).No assessments have been made regarding the impact of conditions of NHs and increasing traffic thereon on the development of the Indian Economy.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f) The Government has taken several steps for enhancing the funds for the development of National Highways by imposing the cess on petrol and diesel and has taken decision for implementing the projects under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) −Phase-lll onwards primarily on Build-Operate- Transfer (BOT) basis through Public-Private-Partnership.